

ART · GRADES 4–5

Cultural Art Around the World

Six art forms, six cultures

Six cultural art forms

Art form	From	How it's made	What it shows
Dot painting	Aboriginal Australia	Tiny dots of acrylic paint	Stories from the Dreamtime
Ukiyo-e	Japan	Woodblock prints	Scenes of city life, landscape
Whakairo	Māori (NZ)	Carved wood, bone, stone	Family stories, ancestors, gods
Talavera ceramics	Mexico	Hand-painted glazed pottery	Geometric patterns, blue & yellow
Adinkra symbols	Akan (Ghana)	Stamped on cloth or carved	Each symbol means a saying
Mola textiles	Guna (Panama)	Reverse-applique sewn cloth	Birds, fish, geometric designs

Apply

1. Pick one art form. Find out one extra fact about it.
2. Why do you think art often tells stories about a culture's past?
3. What art forms come from your part of the world?

